

A D V I C E
TO THE
C L E R G Y, &c.

CONTAINING
INSTRUCTIONS,
IN THE
MANNER OF DEAN SWIFT,
TO THE

ARCHBISHOPS,	CURATES,
BISHOPS,	PARISH CLERKS,
VICAR GENERALS,	SEXTONS,
DEANS & ARCHDEACONS,	AND
RECTORS & VICARS,	ORGANISTS.

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INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER.

ADVISE my Lords the Archbishops, Bishops, and the whole order of holy men, whose business it is to advise others? Yes, Mr. Byrne, and thereby do I pay them as great a compliment as words can convey! —Is it not a public acknowledgment that they are so immersed in the duties of their calling? That *self* never occurs! —Is it not a confession in the broad face of day, that spiritual concerns, so entirely engross their attention, that a knowledge of the world has made no part of their studies?

But, Mr. Byrne, be it known to you, that as Mr. Foote judiciously remarked to the Lord Chamberlain of England, (on his

refusing to permit the representation of the Comedy of the *Trip to Calais*,) “ between the magistrate and the muse there is a natural alliance, what the former cannot punish, the latter often corrects:”—So, if perchance, through oversight, any ill customs have been adopted by their Graces, and become fashionable among their numerous herd of dependants,—the subsequent remarks may correct them!—But if no such errors prevail, and it shall appear that my observations have resulted from an examination into general nature,—I trust the public will exclaim—plaudite!! For there can be no injury where the feelings are not hurt!

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TO THE

RIGHT REV. FATHERS IN GOD,

THE LORD ARCHBISHOPS.

THE mitred heads of the Church, as by law established under the British Crown, having frequently and formally renounced all pretensions to *infallibility*, will, I trust, afford an excuse to the individual who is rash enough to *offer advice* to such exalted VIRTUE and WISDOM, as it is universally *allowed*, a man must possess ere he can wield the Pastoral Crook.

As an Arch-bishop is the polar star of his diocess—it being the duty of each Clergyman owing him fealty, to look up to him for examples

of charity and all its sub-denominations—for rules of good breeding and politeness ; his Grace ought always, therefore, to maintain such a number of needy lackies about his person, as should make it too expensive to the Clergy to frequent his Palace :—and when it is necessary for his Grace to see them *by invitation*, the entertainment ought to be such as might prevent their future acceptance of his *hospitality* ! ! ! * Thus, may he *politely* forbid them his house ; and washing his hands of the formality attendant on greatness, live with as much libertinism as any other man of independent fortune ! !

Although arrayed in purple and fine linen – and possessed of every gratification that affluence and dignity can procure, yet your Grace should consider that mitres entail no honours on your heirs, but that *coronets* descend ; carefully there-

* N. B. The Clergy *PAY* for the only dinner at which they have the honour of seeing his Grace,—*the triennial one.*

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fore, avoid a relaxation from pristine adulation to the minister of the day, it will be death to to your *worldly views* ; besides, the Deity can sufficiently take care of that religion over which you have been placed by divine providence. Your neglect or contradiction thereof, can be of no material import.

Politics being the field in which your Grace can with best prospect of success exercise your abilities, in pursuit of hereditary honours ; a close connection with *clerks in office* would afford you every necessary information ; your Grace is now in a situation that renders it unnecessary for you to keep company with gentlemen : besides, was it to get wind that your Grace admitted such a description of Christians to your table, it would establish your character for HUMILITY.

Should any Clergyman against whose reputation even *malice* has never dared to raise a whisper ! and whose charities have ever kept pace
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with his elevation ; should such a man, I say—
 blessed in his matrimonial connection, with an
 offspring too numerous to permit his bounty to
 keep pace with his feelings, apply to your Grace
 for a dispensation to hold a second living ; and
 any great man solicit your refusal, as in that case
 his agent's son would obtain the benefice ; for
 many reasons oblige the latter !—*such conduct* will
 enable you to make a gauger or exciseman of
 your butler, &c.—whereas, the reverse would
 but heap the means of doing good on a poor Par-
 son, and might possibly put it into the block-
 head's cranium to give a genteel education to his
 children, whose gratitude would but poorly re-
 compensate you, compared to the genteel scrape
 of the Butler, or his improper conduct in the of-
 fice to which your interest elevated him.

Your Grace ought to name a particular hour,
 during which you will each day receive such of
 your Clergy *as have business* with you :—if the
 weather be intensely cold, the audience chamber
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should be without fire—and have but one chair *for yourself*; by which means if the Parson be fatigued by the ride or walk he has been obliged to take to wait on you, he will be impatient to make his bow, to procure rest and warmth:—it may not be improper either, that you should frequently ring for your valet, and in an *audible voice*, desire him to have a *roaring fire* in the *next room*!!!—If Monsieur Le Cuisinier too should now and then drop in, to ask whether your Grace's appetite was sufficiently plethoric to have the turtle for dinner? Or as the atmosphere was hebetating, if the venison should supplant it?—Whether the ortolans should be served up in the *fourth* or *fifth* course? Or the perigo pye be kept for supper:—This will at once give an idea of your sumptuous way of living, and occasion a happy distortion in the physiognomies of your visitors.

“ *It is better to serve God than mammon.*” This is an unfashionable idea, for the greatest infidels
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rise to the greatest honours in *this world*:—but should there be any religious devotee, ill-bred enough to insinuate that moral disquisitions would better become your Grace than *political* ones—inform the simpleton that they are so intimately interwoven, as to receive necessary support from each other—*i. e. if the fools could read*, that the Deity would be unable to support his own doctrines without the assistance of his own creatures; but by discouraging public seminaries, and abetting ignorance, they will never be able to discover the secret.—Again, should any methodistical ingrate assert that public jobbs, *paving* acts, &c. are subjects beneath the interference of the Minister of the Almighty? Tell him he lies! For that we are expressly commanded to PAVE “our way to Heaven”!!! By some well timed repartees of this kind, you will soon put to silence the cavillings of lilly-livered Christians.

Raised to the summit of your glory! to the most exalted post your profession will permit!

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self interest is the standard, the sole standard by which you should measure your actions! wherefore in renewing your leases, disposing of your benefices; in the encouragement of vice, the rewarding ignorance, and in the depression of virtue—the most *weighty* arguments should ever prevail.

If you should by any accident, be constrained to permit a curate to sit down at your table, be sure to inform him, in the hearing of your servants, that your *gentleman*, your *butler*, your *cook*, &c. have double his salary! whilst this will effectually humble him in his own opinion, and render your servants insolent to him, it will convince him that the goods of this life which have been tumbled into your Grace's hands, are *wisely* and *equitably* distributed!

TO MY LORDS THE BISHOPS.

YOUR occupation being pretty nearly the same as that of their Graces the Archbishops, the rules enjoined for their observation, merit your careful perusal.

Real or *apparent* sanctity being absolutely necessary to conquer the reigning prejudices against lawn sleeves, and as it were, to wrest respect from society ; you should carry into every public company an aspect so gloomy and morose as may effectually damp the pleasures of the meeting : no account of the success of your most intimate friend, no effusion of kindness, no *bon mot* or repartee should induce you even to smile ; to laugh would be impiety itself !! the chill of a cloister should accompany your every word, action, nay thought ; this your lordships may be assured is an infallible receipt to make—
MODERN SAINT !

Immediately

Immediately on your promotion, nominate all your clerical relations to be your domestic chaplains : it will be a seasonable hint to the clergy of your dioceses not to expect preferment from you, which will either make them remiss in their duty, or induce them to offer incense to some other *great man* ! by the former, they may enable you to deprive them, and by the latter, afford you ample excuse for overlooking their merits !

As there is no reason why you should be content with your present preferment, (although possibly you had no right either from education, connection or character, to have cherished an expectation beyond a curacy) because there *may* be better bishoprics, and there certainly *are* archbishoprics : special care must therefore be taken to cultivate the countenance of every administration : the most effectual way to obtain this material point, will be to let the *secretary*, who is generally a needy man, have the sale

of every benefice which may fall into your hands: and neither your duty to God or Man must for a moment induce you to swerve from implicit obedience to *his* will.

———Pluck Servility's oblivious weed!

High in the Court's rank soil that creeper winds,

And oft with dark embrace the crozier binds;

While, squeez'd from thence the subtle Prelate flings,

Its luscious poison in the ear of Kings.

HAILEY.

Never miss the great man's levee, especially in parliament time, let your religious avocations be what they may; this will shew you are in *your place*, and if you can possibly procure a whisper at court from the great man or any one of his trusty minions, be sure to explain to him, that you *know* the vote you are next day to give to oblige him, is for the disservice of the kingdom, the oppression of the subject, and *directly in the teeth of your oath* as a Lord of Parliament: this omitted, the blockhead may conceive you don't know but you are going to

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take the honest side of the question, and of course give you no credit for your vote.

When your lady gives a rout, which she ought frequently to do, it will at once be in character and oeconomic to crowd the rooms with clergy: at cards they will be on their guard, by intentional revokes and good natured oversights, that she shall win from them, and handsomely too, that they may become objects of her pity, and pay their way to your lordship's benevolence.

In your study, (which for form sake you should have) a number of large folios, written in various languages, should be disarranged, some open, others marked and all well thumbed, which your stable boy can soon effect, will give your clergy great opinion of your application and knowledge: and should any of them start a difficulty which occurred in his perusing those authors, the subject may be easily concluded by remarking
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that the subsequent pages fully explain it, or some trite observation of that kind: but should you be questioned on any great point of religion, assume an indignant air, and express your surprize that any gentleman who had received a college education could be ignorant of so obvious a matter: such a reply cannot fail to produce a blush in his countenance, and establish your literary character beyond a doubt.

The business of your function being of a complicated and *arduous* nature, you should endeavour to save yourself as much trouble as possible: an inattention to the repeated transgressions of the *worst* of your clergy, and the exemplary punishment of the *best*, for the most trivial offence, will materially contribute to this; for if the good find it impossible to escape your vengeance, the bad can expect no quarter. Visitations being meetings for the purpose of levying contributions on your clergy, you should never allow your Vicar General to put any questions touching

touching *residence*, *payment of Curates salary*, *having a parish Schoolmaster*, or the *keeping a proper registry*, to any man who pays his fees without trouble ; it will answer much better to give the wink to your register to overcharge him a pound or two for exhibits or proxies ; for at the same time that you actually punish the Parson *by fine*, you will receive the appellation of a good natured Bishop for not countenancing complaints ; should the overcharge be detected, it will be rated under the usual imputation of *extortion in your collector*.

“ *Take care of the pence, the pound will take care of themselves,*” is an observation which holds good as to every thing : be attentive therefore to the *minutiæ* of all ecclesiastical habiliments ! religion can take care of itself : insist upon all Curates wearing large grey wigs ; no matter whether they become the visages or complexions of the wearers, or serve to satirize the appearance of the animal bipes : should the wags

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remark that the apostles wore their own hair, the reply may be accurt—"there were no wig-makers in their time:" fustian or leathern breeches for riding ought to be discountenanced; they give such as wear them, the appearance of gentlemen, and great care ought to be taken to make a clergyman and a gentleman quite distinct characters.

Abfit ab humano pectore potus aquæ!

V I C A R G E N E R A L S

IN general being ignorant in the inverse ratio of what your sense should be; it behoves you to conceal your dis-abilities from the dioceses over which you are appointed! a consequential contempt of every legal question proposed for your opinion, will therefore be proper; it will in a short time determine every clergyman, who has a guinea to spare, rather to
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give it to a lawyer than be subject to the influence of office! and as for the pennyless—you know they ought neither to have *law* or *justice*.

Shining but with the reflected light of your metropolitan, you are interested in the encrease of his consequence! you should therefore on every occasion be a violent stickler for his prerogative! Should he

“ Lolling in Archiepiscop’ “ *throne,*
 “ Condemn *all learning but his own;*
 “ And scorn those common wares to trade in,
 “ Reas’ning, convincing and persuading,
 “ But make each sentence current pass,
 “ With puppy, coxcomb, scoundrel, ass;
 “ With you it should be, *certain rule,*
 “ The folly’s prov’d, when he calls fool!

Churchill’s Ghost.

Some respect being due to character, (else you would cease to be a useful instrument to the bishop) you must resist every application of the clergy to have a table of fees posted where the visitation is held; this would put it as well out

of the power of the register to extort, as out of your power to countenance the fraud ! and how could you more effectually disoblige your patron, than by levelling a deadly blow at his pocket ?

It is impossible to say how soon a case may become one's own : you should therefore inculcate the idea of a college education being a superfluous expence, that *Greek* is forgotten as soon as known ; *Latin* uselefs, except for coxcombs to interrupt conversation ; and *Hebrew*, enough to break a pretty set of teeth ! by constantly dunning this into a weak brain it will have the desired effect : and should any of your sons return from the war, cashiered or broke for cowardice or any other *trifling* fault, the road to ecclesiastical preferment is open !

Si nihil attuleris, ibis, Domine, foras. Although you are the mouth-piece of the Bishop, yet it is often not quite safe that his sentiments should be known through you : your wife therefore,—
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a little training will enable a woman to play any part—she, I say, ought to be taught, between jest and earnest, whilst she is fleecing the expectant Parsons, to let the *Cat out of the bag*; nay to become the carrier of the *Douceur*! which contrary in its nature to a story, *ever loses in the Carriage*.

DEANS AND ARCH-DEACONS.

IMMEDIATELY on your installation, *coute qui coute*, every book on the calculation of lives and years should be collected for your use! your successors would never pardon you if you renewed a lease under its extended value.

Your procession in and out of your Cathedrals should be as shewy as possible! the Verger's rod ought to be kept bright; and himself, clad in shalloon, walk as erect as if he had swallowed a Presbyterian! the choirmen in well plaited sur-

plices should fall back to the right and left, whilst you pass, with supercilious brows, demi-episcopal gloves and wig large enough for Gog, or Magog! the readers too should never be permitted to appear without their hoods! all this will have a fine effect, and favouring much of popery may induce Roman catholics to come to church, the consequence of which, in all probability, will be their conversion:

Subordination being the life of good government, the most positive directions should be given to every part of your family to take precedence of all Rectors, and Sub-ecclesiastics! your coachman should drive his pole through the pannel of the Rector's coach if it should happen to be before him at a play-house door! your wife should throw the cards in the face of any Rector's lady who would dare to *ask leave*, or *buy a king* before her! &c. &c. this will give the world an *idea* of your consequence, for at present they have *no* idea of it!

RECTORS

RECTORS AND VICARS.

THE executive part of religion by the laws of the land devolving on you, immediately on your institution or induction, a deputy should be appointed; thus, though the service of God is neglected, the world will be pleased: for it is ungentlemanly in a man, (who can afford to keep a substitute) personally to discharge the duties of any office he may hold.

Let your conduct to your inferiors exhibit a lively contrast to the behaviour you experience from those above you in the church; it is the only substantial panacæa I can offer, to heal those wounds which you are certain of receiving from the *pride* and *avarice* of your empurpled masters; and though you are expressly commanded to forgive your enemies, yet if you shall have received a severe injury from your Prelate, and can by the practice of a virtue, to which you were heretofore a stranger, pourtray the blots in his di-

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vine escutcheon, it will be admirable revenge; for whilst your people will give you credit for the virtue, the object of your hatred will suffer by the contrast.

In general, living up to the extent of your *nominal* income—(for what better, even before the days of the Right-boys, could a clerical provision be called,) and blessed with wives prolific as they are *miserably proud*, your means frequently run short;—to remedy which, œconomy in the several departments under you is necessary: before you nominate your Curate therefore, you should stipulate for all gratuities conferred at weddings, and for all his perquisites of gloves, scarfs, hatbands, &c. !—This will be attended with a double advantage; for should they remain the property of the Curate—he, having white gloves might be tempted to go to balls, (and what so sinful, as to see the *temple of the Lord* moving to the discordant notes of a fiddle?) and having a profusion of linen, he might be extravagant

vagant enough to put on a clean shirt every day !
 —whereas, in the hands of your wife, they
 might raise a sum, almost sufficient to discharge
 her gambling debts, and purchase fans, tippets,
 tetons, rumps, &c. &c.

As many of you are grossly ignorant of the
 learned languages, through the slender means of
 your parents, you should endeavour to *pun* on a
 word that you do not understand ; this will, by
 introducing hilarity, enable you to change the
 conversation, bring you off with flying colours,
 and *may*, if the pun is a good one, gain you the
 reputation of a scholar ! Thus, (there being dog-
 matic fellows, who will introduce scraps of la-
 tin into conversation !)—Should any man say,
 “ he had yesterday dined on *anas* *,” you may
 reply, “ *an afs* did so before him,” by laughing
 at the joke he cannot take it amiss, and the com-
 pany will imagine you alluded to *An-nas*, who
 was father to Caiaphas the High Priest !

* Duck.

As it is usual, at least at the festivals, to bait your Curate, you should take care not to spoil his palate by good living, else may his homely fare become inadequate, and epicurism turn housekeeper in place of content!—Never, therefore, consult his taste, but if there be a coarse bit at table, order him to be helped to it; and should any one in company offer either to send him a dainty, or hob-nob him in wine, be his sponsor, and reply that he prefers the *crag*, and never drinks any thing but punch made with brown sugar!—Whilst this will be œconomical on your part, it will exhibit the temperance of your Curate in the most laudable point of view.

Before you comply with your Bishop in wearing the short Cassock—you should consider whether the exposing a handsome calf to the ladies, may not be attended with better consequences!—If you are in-kneed, or bandy-legged, you
should

should not hesitate: for it is your duty to obey your Bishop, let his commands be what they may!

C U R A T E S.

THE practical part of religion resting entirely on your shoulders, you must from the instant of your nomination, be reconciled to every fatigue, that your Rector's neglect of his duty, and the credulity of *his* flock can occasion:—You must not however, flatter yourself that your utmost exertion in the execution of your office can recommend you to the notice of your Bishop!—It was not by *merit* HE rose in the Church:—He therefore, wisely deems it an unnecessary qualification.

As every Curate is expected to attend *parish* drums, and play cards—it behoves him to understand all games MOST COMPLETELY WELL, by which means he may double his salary; but

in doing this, if he would not wish to be deemed a sinner for handling such ungodly *books*,—he must soften the ladies losses by abuse of himself, and complimenting them on their admirable play.

“ Wonderful, that such a bungler as I am, should win from such masterly strokes!—such admirable finesses!”—After a genteel compliment of this sort, an *empty* purse will be returned to the pocket, with more pleasure than the *full* one left it.

Old ladies holding in abhorrence the idea of a smart Parson, in other words, a buckish one!—You should be slovenly in your dress!—If your hair is powdered, it is of no consequence whether your shirt be clean, or how many holes there are in your stockings!—Let your hat be uncommonly large; there is *religion* in a broad brim! If there should be a rent or two in your breeches, your character is completed!! To superficial observers all this may appear paradoxical;

doxical ; but it is easily accounted for, and thus ! When *people* have outlived all relish for the enjoyments of life ; nothing can so effectually secure *their* good opinion, as to despise what *they* cannot taste, and what from that instant is classed under the general head of Poms and Vanities !

“ *Ever have an eye to the main chance!*” The accursed serpent who tempted *Eve* with his golden pippins, having so firmly engrafted sin into our stock, (eternal drought be on her liquorish chops !) that no man is without his peculiar foible, if not vice ; you must be cautious never to lay a heavy hand on any impropriety of conduct in private conversation : your flagellation of wickedness should be confined to the walls of the church :—Thus may you more than double your income, by faring sumptuously every day at the tables of the profligate, and at the easy purchase of becoming a partner in the

vices of your host, pending your duration under his roof.

“ *Many men—many minds,*”—to please every one, has time immemorial been deemed an arduous, nay a vain attempt !—But by a little manœuvring of your pulpit discourses, the dissatisfied may be easily silenced—for so frigid are religious devotees at this day, that they will give way to the current let it run as it will.—If your congregation therefore, be principally composed of anniques, let your elocution be drowsy !—your tone of voice, a heavy monotony ; make frequent mention of the Devil, and give a lively description of the fiery gulf, and the blue blazes of Hell : let every vice have its *precise* appellation !—Old maids in particular, wisely deem it a parleyance with iniquity, not to deal with it in the *rudest* manner !—If your auditors be the juvenile,—gallant,—gay, and fashionable,—avoid even the mention of vice, as you would
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the stroking of Cerberus!—With the enlightened it will be sufficiently degraded by contrast : enlarge therefore on the beauties of virtue !—Deal forth tropes, sentiments, and quotations from fashionable authors !—Let your action keep pace with your expression—*If you can afford a white handkerchief*, it will have a striking effect, by fixing the attention of the hearers on your various attitudes ; if you cannot, a large bouquet properly displayed, will nearly answer the same end, and this in the country you can seldom want !—Your voice must be as variable, as your discourse is incongruous : so shall you bear away the palm from the dull retailers of divinity.

P A R I S H C L E R K S.

YOUR office not being the most respectable, it is incumbent on you by every honest means to raise yourselves, at least in the opinion of the plebeians : for this purpose you should endeavour to contract a strange peculiarity of dialogue, dress and motion ; it will convince the vulgar that education is a necessary qualification in a Parish Clerk ! for to a superficial eye, where is the mighty difference, between real and assumed knowledge ?

As it cannot be expected that the Grave-digger or Sexton, should be an able scribe, or have sufficient knowledge of the world to know how to draw up a bill for funerals on the extensive scale of a Taylor or Attorney, you should make yourself perfect master of the chargeable items, viz. *removing the stone, opening the grave, raising coffins*, at so much a head, *west side of the church-*
yard,

yard, double fees! for the Knell—the Pall,—body brought three times round the grave to prevent its turning in the Coffin, torches, mourning, your own attendance, raising your Amen in the highest strain! &c. the bill discharged according to your draught of it, you may pocket the one half, yet pay the Parson his *legal* fees, and acquire the character of an honest agent.

Before you attempt to raise a slave, you should be prepared to grace it with your professional *flang*: (a word, I have no doubt but you understand, as it is in common use on the Tholfel steps, Blind-Quay, &c.) You have no opportunity of shewing your consequence but in church, it is therefore absolutely necessary that you *distinguish* yourself! a gesticulation not in common use is what I would particularly recommend: this may be easily acquired by steering a course in the teeth of the school doctrines! as thus, a uniformity of nature and harmony is what they inculcate,

culcate, you should oppose one to the other; nothing can more effectually prove your discriminating ideas, and the tenderness of your heart: when the tune is melancholy, assume a merry aspect, if the key be a flat one, sing in five-sharps, the hymn being sprightly, you must appear plaintive almost to blubbering, and drone it out in three flats, this will prevent the hilarity of the music from having an improper effect in a place of worship, and establish your character, to the utmost of your wishes.

S E X T O N.

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I WOULD rather be a door keeper in the House of my God than dwell with princes.—And why not? the vails are better! Though this expression be recorded of a crowned head, it is more than probable it originated with a Sexton who was well versed in all the secrets of his profession! could let genteel persons stand in the Ayle, or shew them into back seats, whilst the *canaille* were assiduoufly served—could dangle his keys in the midst of the most solemn prayer, to prevent the Parson's engrossing the entire attention of the audience, or could during a sermon to oblige his favourite preacher, encircle himself with a quid of the exudence of tobacco, to prove that it was not a *dry* discourse.

It being an insult to your vocation, to suppose that you are to be mere peripatetics, you should

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interest the wishes of the congregation in favour of your being sometime stationary : to accomplish this, I would recommend an indirect procedure, viz. your being troublesome, or little short of a nuisance when in motion : this can be easily effected, by a creaking pair of shoes, or by the well timed mastication of onions or garlic.

Christmas boxes and Easter gifts form no small part of your annual receipts ; you should therefore at those seasons treat yourselves to a new suit of powder blue which by custom is the Sexton's livery ; to make this expence the more remarkable, you should go squalid all other times ! the Deity, in whose sanctuary you officiate, never bestows those semi-annual refreshing fees, a decency when you appear before him is therefore but a secondary consideration.

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O R G A N I S T.

YOUR election depending on the nimbleness of your fingers, and your tenure being *durante bene placito*, it behoves you to be as diligent in the holding your place, as you were in the attaining it, for which purpose, I would recommend a *currante* by way of voluntary; and as noise drowns discord, I conceive the drone of two discordant notes, accompanying whatever you perform, might not be improper: for instance, *B* sharp in the trumpet stop, *G* flat in any other: and when your solo is ended, you should either loll out of your loft, ogling and fimpering, or faunter through the church; this will beyond *yea* or *nay* prove that you do not skulk into tippling houses, between the acts; a practice not infrequent with gentlemen whose wits lie in their fingers.

If you would wish for private tuitions, an attention to the singing of the parish children would not be improper ; but if you find there is no probability of your succeeding in that line, it is no matter how they squall : and your excuse is at hand. A Hallelujah is a Hallelujah, be it well or ill sung. Every one will join in it if it be noisy enough ; whereas, if it borders on harmony, such of the Congregation as are judges of music will remain silent, rather than spoil the effect : So may they inconsiderately be grossly irreligious :—who would not make a sinecure of his place, when his activity in office might be attended with so dreadful a consequence ?

Than you, no set of men have a more easy mode of retaliation, if you perceive that the parishioners are any way dilatory in discharging your stipends !! in severely cold weather, when furs and the natural protections against cold,
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even in Spitzbergen, shall be in use, by those who can afford them, give a mournful voluntary of a full half hour, a lumping pennyworth! it will force the *muslinetts* to pray with fervency, to restore animal heat, so may you gratify your own resentment and serve the cause of Religion.

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